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1. THE HIGH COURT HEARING ON CHUA HAN MOW'S
EXTRADITION TO THE US BEGAN ON MAY 29 AND WAS CONTINUED
ON JUNE 1-2. AS EXPECTED, THE APPEALS FROM THE TWO
LOWER COURT DECISIONS WERE JOINED IN ONE HIGH COURT
HEARING. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE JUNE 2 SESSION
THE JUDGE, DATO SYED OTHAMN BIN ALI, ANNOUNCED THAT
THE HEARING WILL CONTINUE JULY REPEAT JULY 24-25.

2. COMMENT. JUSTICE SYED OTHMAN SAID WHEN ANNOUNCING
THE HEARING CONTINUATION DATES THAT HIS CALENDAR WAS
FULL UNTIL THAT TIME. HOWEVER, THE NEW DATES WERE
WORKED OUT IN CHAMBERS BEFORE THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND
THE LONG DELAY MAY BE THE RESULT OF A REQUEST BY
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CHUA'S ATTORNEY KARPAL SINGH, AN OPPOSITION
DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY POLITICIAN WHO WILL BE
OCCUPIED IN JUNE AND JULY WITH BOTH NATIONAL
ELECTIONS (EXPECTED NOW IN JULY) AND THE TRIAL OF
HIS PARTY'S LEADER, LIM KIT SIANG, FOR VIOLATIONS
OF THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT (REF B). IN ANY CASE.
CHUA HAN MOW'S EXTRADITION IS PROVING TO BE A

LONG, DRAWN OUT PROCESS. THE LAW MINISTRY
ATTORNEY PROSEUCTING THE CASE EXPECTS NOW THAT
THERE WILL BE AN APPEAL TO THE FEDERAL COURT NO
MATTER WHAT THE OUTCOME INTHE HIGH COURT AND
THINKS THE PROCEEDINGS COULD DRAG ON UNTIL WELL
INTO FALL.
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